

1 SENATE RESOLUTION 4

2 49TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2009

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10 A RESOLUTION

11 AMENDING THE SENATE RULES TO AUTHORIZE LIVE AUDIO AND VIDEO  
12 STREAMING OF SENATE PROCEEDINGS.

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14 WHEREAS, the rules of the senate may be amended by a two-  
15 thirds' vote of all the members of the senate or by a majority  
16 vote of the members of the senate upon the recommendation of  
17 the rules committee;

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE  
19 OF NEW MEXICO that a new Senate Rule 9-2-1 be adopted to read:

20 "9-2-1 The "senate streaming oversight committee",  
21 consisting of four members appointed by the  
22 committees' committee, is created. The two  
23 political parties having the greatest membership in  
24 the senate shall be equally represented on the  
25 committee. The committee shall monitor and review

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1 aspects of the production of the live audio and  
2 video streams of the senate floor and committee  
3 proceedings to ensure that the streams are produced  
4 and operated in an apolitical manner befitting the  
5 senate."; and

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Senate Rule 9-3 be amended to  
7 read:

8 "9-3 All members shall serve on two standing committees,  
9 except that members of the finance committee shall  
10 not serve on any other committee and provided  
11 service on the committees' committee, [~~or~~] the  
12 senate ethics committee or the senate streaming  
13 oversight committee shall not be counted as service  
14 on a standing committee; provided, a member may be  
15 temporarily assigned or reassigned by the  
16 committees' committee to serve on a third committee  
17 as a replacement for any member on that third  
18 committee who will be, or has been, excused by the  
19 senate from attending sessions for any period in  
20 excess of ten days."; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a new Senate Rule 23-8-1  
22 be adopted to read:

23 "23-8-1 A live audio and video stream of the senate floor  
24 proceedings shall be accessible through the  
25 legislature's web site in a manner befitting the

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1 senate, including an appropriate user interface,  
2 subject to the following:

3 (a) the live stream shall begin as soon as  
4 practicable after the president has announced that a  
5 quorum is present and shall terminate as soon as  
6 practicable after a motion to recess or adjourn has  
7 carried, or upon the order of the presiding officer;

8 (b) the live video stream shall be from a  
9 single camera installed at the rear of the chamber,  
10 positioned and focused so as to capture an image of  
11 the chamber that as nearly as possible replicates  
12 the view of a member of the public seated in the  
13 gallery in such a way that no material on members'  
14 desks, computer monitors or similar devices can be  
15 read or viewed;

16 (c) the live stream shall not be archived;

17 (d) the provisions of this rule shall apply  
18 when the senate is meeting in the committee of the  
19 whole and when any standing committee of the senate  
20 is meeting in the chamber, at the request of the  
21 chair; and

22 (e) the stream shall carry a notice to the  
23 effect that the stream is being produced for the  
24 benefit of the public and any political use is  
25 prohibited and that the stream is not an official

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record of the senate's proceedings."

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